

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Docket No.: 10002929-3

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 9, 17-20 have been amended to more clearly define the invention recited therein. New claim 21 is provided for your consideration. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-21 are patentable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The fee for the additional claim is figured on the Transmittal along with other fees.

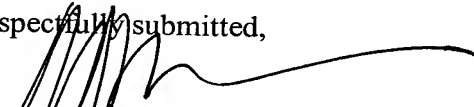
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